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The priority is as follows: (1) part (catalog) number; (2) keyword; and (3) page number. The search will start with priority (1) and proceed through priority (3) in sequence until a search produces products
 5 matching the search criteria. At that time, the search will return the matching product information to requisition/purchasing system 40 and stop at the highest priority resulting in a match.

The operation of electronic sourcing system 5
 10 of the present invention will now be more particularly described in the context of FIGS. 1A, 1C, 2 and 3. In FIGS. 2 and 3, the rectangles represent data screens as well as programs associated with those data screens. The rounded rectangles represent programs not
 15 associated with data screens such that, while these programs are running, the prior data screen may remain visible without; necessarily, being operational for the input of data. The programs associated with the data screens enable the user of local computer 20 to display
 20 and modify the contents of various tables associated with particular data screens. The following description illustrates the use of the Fisher RIMS system as requisition/purchasing system 40, and the TV/2 search program as search program 50. However, it
 25 will be understood that the present invention is not limited to such system or program.

Preferably, a user will start the electronic sourcing system 5 from Fisher RIMS system 40. Requisitioning on Fisher RIMS system 40 in context of
 30 the electronic sourcing system 5 of the present invention is illustrated in pertinent part in FIG. 3 (and is fully described in ^{U.S. Patent No. 5,712,989} ~~Application Serial No. 08/042,188~~). As data (e.g., Account Number, Requisition Number and Stock Numbers) associated with a
 35 single requisition are entered through the various data

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